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U.S. Dependent on China's Finances

WASHINGTON — China passed Japan to become the U.S. government's largest foreign creditor in September, the Treasury Department announced this week, reflecting the dramatic expansion of Beijing's economic influence over the American economy.

China's new status — it now owns nearly \$1 out of every \$10 in U.S. public debt — means Washington will be increasingly forced to rely on Beijing as it seeks to raise funds to cover the cost of a \$700 billion bailout. China, in fact, may be the government's largest creditor, period. The Treasury Department does not keep records on domestic bond holders. But analysts said China's holdings are so vast that the existence of a larger stakeholder in the United States now seems unlikely.

The growing dependence on Chinese cash is granting Beijing extraordinary sway over the U.S. economy. Analysts say a decision by China to move out of U.S. government bonds, for economic or political reasons, could lead a herd of other investors to follow suit. That would drive up the cost of U.S. borrowing, jeopardizing Washington's ability to fund, among other things, a stimulus package to jump-start the economy. If China were to stop buying or, worse, start selling U.S. debt, it would also quickly raise interest rates on a wide variety of loans in the United States, analysts say.

Additionally, the more China invests in U.S. debt, the harder it becomes for U.S. companies to sell their products overseas. That's because China's purchase of U.S. bonds makes the dollar stronger, particularly against the Chinese yuan, which has been kept artificially weak to boost Chinese exports. The relatively weak yuan remains one of the biggest obstacles to U.S. companies tapping the market in China, particularly lucrative now as Beijing embarks on \$586 billion in infrastructure and other stimulus spending to keep its economy humming amid the global crisis.

In the United States, Chinese influence is already reflected in terms as basic as home mortgage rates. Since the U.S. government seized Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in September, China, which maintains the world's largest cash reserves of roughly \$1.9 trillion, has shed about \$50 billion in the companies' debt and mortgage bonds, according to people who track the data. With China shying away from buying more, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have had to pay more to borrow and have gotten

less for mortgage bonds, pushing up rates for people seeking home loans just as the U.S. government is trying to bring them down.

Al-Qaida Slams Obama

BERLIN — Al-Qaida's second-in-command used a racially demeaning term to refer to President-elect Barack Obama in a videotape released Wednesday, and said Obama's election represented "the American people's admission of defeat in Iraq."

In the 11-minute video, posted on the Internet, Al-Qaida's deputy leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, repeatedly and unfavorably compared the first black U.S. president-elect to Malcolm X, the black Muslim leader and activist who was assassinated 43 years ago.

"You represent the direct opposite of honorable black Americans like Malik al-Shabazz, or Malcolm X," Zawahiri said, according to English subtitles of his Arabic remarks provided by Al-Qaida's propaganda arm. "You were born to a Muslim father, but you chose to stand in the ranks of the enemies of the Muslims, and pray the prayer of the Jews, although you claim to be Christian, in order to climb the rungs of leadership in America."

Zawahiri said Obama, Colin Powell and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice "confirmed" Malcolm X's definition of a "house negro," a term the militant black leader used to describe black leaders who were subservient to white interests. He used the Arabic phrase "abeed al-beit," which literally translates as "house slaves," but the English subtitle said "house negroes."

The biting comments were the first time Al-Qaida's leadership has reacted publicly to Obama's election since he defeated Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., two weeks ago. Some analysts said the delayed response reflected uncertainty within Al-Qaida's ranks over how to respond, given that Obama is widely seen in the Muslim world as the mirror opposite of the group's longtime archenemy, President Bush. Zawahiri had used similar language to refer to Powell and Rice in the past, according to analysts who follow his words closely.

"Zawahiri and others in Al-Qaida recognize that Obama has a certain appeal, not just to Americans but to people in the developing world," said Evan Kohlmann, a terrorism analyst and senior investigator for the Nine/Eleven Finding Answers Foundation. "They feel a need to dampen this sense and enthusiasm and excitement for Obama."

California Justices In Danger of Exile

SAN FRANCISCO — Six months ago, California's highest court discarded its reputation for caution and ended the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

Now the moderately conservative California Supreme Court is being asked to take an even riskier step — to overturn the November voter initiative that reinstated the marriage ban and possibly provoke a voter revolt that could eject one or more of the justices from the bench.

Legal scholars say case law does not give the court a clear path for overturning the measure. The state high court — six Republicans and one moderate Democrat — generally defers to the will of the people. Only twice has the court rejected initiatives on the legal grounds cited by opponents of Proposition 8.

Despite the uncertainties, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has said that he expects and hopes that the state high court will reject Prop. 8.

Attorney General Jerry Brown, whose office must defend it, opposed the measure, and 44 legislators have called on the court to overturn it.

Civil-rights groups, churches and local governments have filed six lawsuits asking the court to declare the measure an illegal constitutional revision. Letters also have poured into the court pleading for urgent action, and anti-Prop. 8 rallies have attracted large crowds statewide.

At the same time, opponents of gay marriage have warned that they will work to oust any justice who votes against Prop. 8, a threat particularly palpable in a year when voters in other states have booted six state high court justices after campaigns by special-interest groups.

Their oath requires them to ignore these kinds of political threats," said Santa Clara University Law Professor Gerald Uelman, who has followed the court for decades. "But the threat of having to face a contested election is a significant one."

The current court has resisted outside pressure. Despite threats of a recall, four justices in 1997 voted to overturn a state law that required parental consent for teens to obtain an abortion. The ruling prompted a campaign to unseat Chief Justice Ronald M. George and Associate Justice Ming W. Chin. Both were forced to raise money and mount campaigns but survived.

-The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times

CORRECTIONS

■ In the Monday Nov. 17 issue of *The Breeze*, the article, "Without Young, Life Goes On," stated that Tamera Young was the ninth overall pick in the WNBA draft. She was actually the eighth.

■ The women's soccer brief, "NCAA Action," said Diane Wszalek was a senior. She is in fact a sophomore.

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Jewish Frat Now Official

By AMY PASSARETTI
The Breeze

Two years ago, alumnus Chad Schwartz ('07) wanted to bring to JMU the same fun and sense of Jewish community he always felt when visiting his twin brother, Michael, at Virginia Tech. Saturday, that was made possible when Alpha Epsilon Pi, the Jewish fraternity on campus, received its official charter.

"It's great to meet a bunch of people that you all have something in common with," Schwartz said. "It's like people who play soccer, they all have that in common. We play Jewish."

The dinner and ceremony was held at the

Holiday Inn on East Market Street and included many rituals such as the National Anthem for both the United States and Israel, and a prayer in Hebrew for Havdalah — the equivalent to the Christian Sabbath. Marcus Green, president of the fourth and latest pledge class that was initiated two weeks ago, led the tradition, which signifies the start of a new week in Jewish custom.

AEPi has grown to 29 members, from its original 12 "Founding Fathers" in fall 2006.

"For the demographics for the campus, they've done really well with their numbers," said Collin Sutker, assistant regional governor for AEPi in Virginia and North Carolina.

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courtesy of GRANT BIGMAN

The "Founding Fathers" of AEPi hold the charter that now recognizes their fraternity as an official chapter.

Struggling With State Budget Cuts

Gemeinschaft Home still working to stay afloat despite cutbacks

By SIMON SMITH
contributing writer

JMU may lose a valuable resource for its justice studies department.

The Gemeinschaft Home's state funding was cut as part of a larger budget cut intended to save Virginia taxpayers money. Jennie Amison, executive director of the home for non-violent offenders, disagrees because the home reduces the chance that an offender will go back to jail and helps end the "revolving door cycle" prevalent in the prison system. Graduates of Gemeinschaft are less likely to be reconvicted following their release.

Amison, speaking with much conviction, said the "Gemeinschaft Home is cost-effective for the tax payer of Virginia and we're not going anywhere."

The halfway house also plays a role in the JMU community, particularly for the students and faculty of the justice studies department. Peggy Plass, a professor in the justice studies department, became involved with the home when she researched the effectiveness of the program eight years ago.

Plass found the program not only a success in terms of reducing re-arrest, reconviction, and re-imprisonment; she's been part of an ongoing relationship between the halfway house and JMU. Gemeinschaft allows students to interview residents at the home, engage residents of the home as guest speakers, participate in reading groups and conduct senior and honor thesis research there.

Plass summarized the importance of the place by saying "the different perspective it brings to students is invaluable."

Plass is not alone in her support of keeping the home open. Justice studies professors Scott Vollum and Jackie Buffington-Vollum also took time to share their experiences with it.

"Students often find it to be one of the most valuable experiences during their time at JMU," Vollum said. "The Gemeinschaft Home has been an integral part of students' education in the justice studies program."

"We believe strongly in direct experience as part of the educational process and Gemeinschaft has allowed us to offer that."

The difference between the halfway house and other facilities in the area is access. The home is very open in granting access to the home for JMU students and faculty. The home houses only non-violent inmates and has proved to be a safe environment for students to practice their interviewing skills while gaining a different perspective.

With the future of the home in doubt many residents are worried.

Buck Gay, a resident of Gemeinschaft Home whose appointed time continues past its preliminary closing date, seems more worried about the future inmates who might not get the chance to go through the program.

"Gemeinschaft Home is a stepping stone," Gay said. "A stepping stone from death, a way to get established and get your feet underneath you."

For J.J. Albrecht the Gemeinschaft Home has been "a blessing."

According to Albrecht, a resident of the halfway house located on Mt. Clinton Pike "means a brand new life and place, and a giant opportunity to get out of the cycle your in."

Albrecht, 22, was busy bussing tables at the Harrisonburg Pizza Hut during a fundraiser on Nov. 11, benefiting the embattled business. Albrecht, who volunteered to come bus tables, is certain his time at the home will prepare him to make a fresh start.

Albrecht, other residents and staff, were helping out Pizza Hut's staff in any way they could in an attempt to assist with the unusually high amount of dinner-time patrons. The steady and bustling flow of customers could be almost entirely attributed to the positive response the home's fundraiser experienced. Gemeinschaft staff was both pleased and surprised by the number of their supporters who braved the cold weather in an attempt to help the program stay open.

Technician Gruves Up Harrison

SMAD faculty member John Gruver gives inside story about outside of his office



photos by HANK THORNHILL/contributing photographer

John Gruver, bottom right, has his office on the ground floor of Harrison Hall covered with political cartoons, comics and his new video screen, bottom left, displaying personal photos. One of the students' favorites is the Pacman comic pictured below.

By ERIK LANDERS
The Breeze

What do Barack Obama and Joe Biden dressed as Batman and Robin, Pacman, President Bush, Jesus, James Madison and Abraham Lincoln all have in common? They are all featured on the wall outside John Gruver's office in Harrison Hall.

Gruver, who lends his technological expertise to the School of Media Arts and Design, has political statements covering his door and wall outside his office.

It all started a couple of years ago in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

when Gruver posted a screen shot from a Sky News telecast that read "Bush: One of the worst disasters to hit the U.S."

"I thought that was pleasantly snarky, so out on the board it went," Gruver said. "A few days later, I arrived in the morning to see that someone had torn it down. I'm not one to be told what I can or cannot say, so I printed out a new copy and put it back up."

Getting much of his material online and through friends who e-mail him ideas, Gruver generally adds two or three things to his wall every week, replacing older material. Gruver has

admittedly been taking a break since the election but is gathering new material to get started again.

"It's not so much me expressing my opinion, although I'm happy to do it," Gruver said. "It's to see if I can get the other side from somebody, because if you just sit and listen to yourself you haven't learned anything."

Gruver encourages people who pass his office to respond to his postings, even leaving a notepad on the wall for people to use. Responses have ranged from adversarial to apologetic. One note had an apology to Gruver for certain people giving

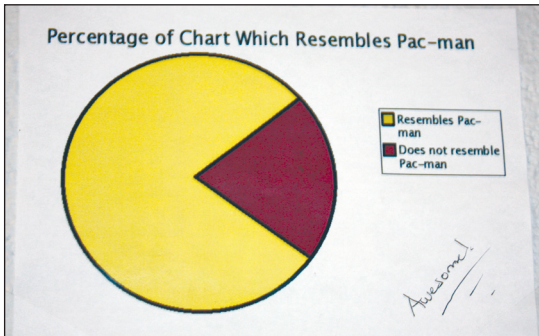
Christianity a bad name. Another note begged him to not omit the other side of the political spectrum from his postings.

"The best part is when people come by and leave me a note so I can see what they think," Gruver said. "Then I can lip off in return."

Gruver's newest addition, which hangs on his door, is a video screen. At the moment it only shows still photos but will play video once he gets the sound set up.

"I kind of like to provoke people," Gruver said. "I hope I'm not really

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First Ladies Are Mother, Daughter Duo

Gov. Kaine's wife and mother-in-law speak about experiences in Governor's mansion

By KATIE THISDELL
The Breeze

The only mother and daughter team of Virginia's past and present governing first ladies spoke at JMU on Tuesday evening.

First Lady Anne Holton is the wife of Gov. Tim Kaine. Her mother, Virginia "Jinks" Holton, is married to Linwood Holton, who was the state's governor from 1970 to 1974.

During the "fireside chat" in the ballroom of the Festival Conference and Student Center, the pair spoke about living in the Governor's Executive Mansion, experiencing racial integration in the public schools and the nation's current political arena.

In 1970, Jinks and Linwood enrolled their three children in the previously all-black neighborhood schools.

"All you young people might not remember this, but that was a big enough deal that we had our pictures in the newspaper," Anne said. "All we did was go to school, but the way the world reacted to it, we were in the fishbowl."

But Jinks said that she knew it was the right decision.

"Though it was in ways a difficult decision, in some ways it was not difficult," Anne said. "I think it's safe to say that none of my siblings came away feeling like we were sacrificed for the cause. We realized people are people, and we did have different backgrounds

and different experiences."

She attributes this lesson to her commitment to public service as a legal aid lawyer representing low-income families, and later serving as a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge.

Being a judge prevented her from campaigning for her Democratic husband during his runs for local and state positions.

Jinks, however, was active during Linwood's run for office. She noted that her husband and his opponent were friends before and after the election.

"Nobody ever said anything unkind about the other candidate," Jinks said. "It never occurred to us to do that."

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LADIES: Generational Differences Contrasted

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She compared that attitude to the recent elections. With constant attack ads and hostilities between political parties, Jinks said she wants to go back to those days.

"I hope that the young people will be the ones to make that change back to where you are still human beings and can still be friends," Jinks said.

This year, Anne campaigned for President-elect Barack Obama with Gov. Kaine.

"I hope folks generally have some appreciation for what it means for our country to be able to put behind us, in a significant way, our racial past," Anne said.

The event was sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters and the department of political science.

Political science professor Pete Giesen helped organize the event. The former member of the House of Delegates is a long-time friend of the Holton family. The 36 years of history separating the two women cover much of his practical politics of Virginia course.

"This is a unique opportunity for us to listen about

the period of tension and how they helped bring understanding and change," Giesen said. "There were two aspects I wanted everyone to get out of this: the historical period and the current viewpoint of what it's like to be first lady."

Speaking on the role of first lady, Anne and Jinks compared their lives in the mansion. Anne called her position a "great gig," and has even told children it's like "being queen of Virginia for a few years."

However, Jinks said she was considered the governor's wife.

"With the title like first lady though, you're expected to go out and do something," Jinks said.

Though the audience was smaller than Giesen expected and filled about a third of the ballroom, those who attended found the presentation meaningful. Members of Harrisonburg City Council and members of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors also attended.

Stephanie Leney, a student in Giesen's course, saw the evening as "living history" and was struck by their emphasis on positive campaigning.



Former Virginia First Lady Jinks Holton and her daughter, current First lady Anne Holton spoke with students at Festival on Tuesday on their experiences.

"It was great to actually get to talk to these influential women," the junior political science major said. "We don't think that what we're doing today will really make a difference, but who's to say we couldn't do something."

Audience member Dan Stana, a senior public policy administration major,

appreciated how the two women were candid during their discussion. Afterward, Anne even said she learned things from her mother she had never heard before and thought the event was fun.

"This probably wasn't something you'd see on TV," Stana said. "It was uncensored. That's how it should be."

SENTENCE: Victim Shot In the Back

Sentence, from front and three of using a firearm in a felony.

Seventeen-year-old Howard R. Scott III entered an Alford plea to six charges. However, Scott's sentencing date is postponed to Jan. 15.

Twenty-year-old LaPrecious Austin, who is accused of driving the getaway car, faces a single count of conspiracy to commit robbery.

Scott agreed to turn over evidence to the police that would help convict Austin if the police lessened his sentence so additional charges could be brought against her.

At the trial, Binsted's girlfriend, whose name has not been released, and Binsted's twin brother, Seth, a JMU junior and assistant photo editor at *The Breeze*, both testified.

On March 27, Binsted and his girlfriend were in Byrd Park, where Williams and Scott confronted them. They took their cell phones and the girlfriend's car keys, and then ordered them into the trunk of her sedan.

Binsted refused, slammed the trunk shut and walked off with his girlfriend. Williams then fired a single shot at Binsted, hitting him in the back and killing him.

The sedan belonging to Binsted's girlfriend was found four blocks from Scott's house, burned and destroyed.

Binsted was 19 years old.



Tyler Binsted courtesy of SETH BINSTED

CHARTER: Board of Governors Attend Ceremony

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For a fraternity to be recognized as a charter, it usually takes about two to three years to prove that they're worthy of it and have developed enough to handle the responsibility on their own, according to Sutker. He also said that the Board of Governors evaluates about 10 to 12 groups a year to see who is eligible and JMU's chapter has done a lot of philanthropy, never had a risk management problem and rushed really well.

"I have really yet to meet a group that really connects with each other the way these guys do," Sutker said who has visited about 60 chapters and said it was a "no-brainer" this group would get chartered quickly. He believes that to this particular group it "wasn't hard work; it was

them having fun."

The charter program also included speeches by current JMU AEPi Master Dan Smolkin; Andrew Borans, the executive director of Nationals; and Mark Schiff, the supreme master of Nationals, which is the headquarters for all chapters of the fraternity nationwide.

Family members, friends, brothers from the Virginia Tech chapter and important members of the fraternity council, such as some members of the Board of Governors from Nationals, were present for this important step in AEPi's existence at JMU.

"It's great to see something that we've been through from the beginning, to see that into completion," said Ryan Schoffedmeer, who put

together the charter weekend and planned the ceremony.

Although they recognize the chapter will never be extremely large, the boys hope AEPi's presence on campus will make a difference and that they will be further recognized not only by the school, but also the community.

"A lot of times when people are choosing a school, parents and kids look at the school and see if there's any programs for Jewish people," Schwartz said. "Now there's a Jewish frat they can notice."


For others, it's having a family legacy that makes the fraternity so important.

"My dad, my grandpa, every male member of my family has been in the fraternity and it gave me the opportunity to join, as well as maintain ties to

my Jewish heritage," said Green, who also acknowledged that this group is more socially focused than spiritual-based.

To bring this chapter to campus, Schwartz spoke to nationals who sent Sutker, director of expansions at the time, to JMU and within a month was sending out Facebook messages and attending Hillel meetings, the Jewish organization on campus, to find interested people. Then known as a colony, AEPi had to establish its reputation, but now it will be around forever.

As a new member, Green said the greatest factor of being part of something new is "you get to see the immediate contrast from where you first come and the stages it goes through to where you end up."



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GRUVER: Wants Students To Hear Other Opinions

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actually angering people, I just want to up that would get more people interested.

“And I wanted to see if I could get away with it and the department has been more than kind about letting me take over this space out here.”

While Gruver has received some quizzical looks about the video screen, he promises the material he will show will not be any worse than what is already on his wall.

“I have not had anyone come and complain about it,” said Steven Anderson, director of SMAD. “It has not been an issue in the department.”

Gruver has been surprised by the leniency he has received from the SMAD department.

“They’ve been pretty supportive; there was a while there where I was leaking out into a larger area than I currently am in, and somebody gave me the look that said ‘You may want to get back into the current space;”

which is perfectly fine, they’re giving me more than I ever expected to get.”

While there are those that do not feel state universities are an appropriate place for employees to be voicing political opinions, Gruver strongly disagrees.

“I had somebody leave me a comment once saying that I sure did have a lot of opinions and that they didn’t think it was appropriate for me to be blathering on about them,” Gruver said. “It’s a college and the whole point of a college is to get you to think and to hear opinions that are not necessarily yours. You don’t have to believe them, but it would be nice if you were exposed to them.”

Anderson seconds Gruver’s opinion.

“Universities, higher education, is precisely the place for some type of engagement or dialogue over controversial issues of public importance,” Anderson said.



These are two of the comics that line the wall outside Gruver's office.

TITLE IX: Legality Being Questioned

Title IX, from front

previous courts which is, ‘Do we deserve to be reinstated?’”

Joseph does not expect to hear from the Supreme Court until after the conclusion of the similar case Fitzgerald v. the Barnstable School Committee, which starts on Dec. 2 and is expected to conclude in the spring. Fitzgerald v. the Barnstable School Committee raises the question of whether Title IX can be appealed under the constitution.

According to Joseph that case appeals a previous decision in which a court ruled that there were no grounds to sue under the Constitution. Joseph argues that Title IX must be subservient to the Constitution.

“Because you have a Title IX ruling that displaces your right to

sue under the Constitution, which arguably different in theory because the Constitution should prompt Title IX.”

As far as JMU’s case goes Joseph strongly disagrees with the appeals court ruling in favor of JMU’s actions.

“What the Appeals Court in our case said is that it is impermissible to challenge what JMU did to comply with this federal guidance and we think that’s 180 degrees wrong,” Joseph said. “If what JMU did to comply with guidance is unconstitutional the guidance is wrong.”

The case involving JMU could be lumped into the Fitzgerald ruling or could be heard on its own merits after that case has been resolved.

PARADE: Provides National Exposure for Band and University

Parade, from front

Square routine to present to the NBC and Macy’s executives. We have been again working on the parade routine last week and all of this week.”

But Ridders is quick to add how important the parade is for national recognition of JMU’s name and the band program. He said their debut in 2001 was a great start, but this year they have more riding on the performance.

“There are few events that provide such good and extensive media coverage and exposure for marching bands as the Macy’s parade,” Ridders said. “Because two of our top priorities as a program are to represent JMU both locally and regionally, as well as promote our fine

music program and community, we cannot think of a better venue.”

Ridders said that when applying, they knew the Centennial celebration would be a good time to bring JMU into the spotlight.

“What a great way to usher in a new century at JMU!” Ridders said.

The application process must be completed 18 months in advance of the parade. The application process includes a written application, letters of recommendation, videos of recent performances, CD recordings and pictures of the uniforms and performances, according to Ridders.

The band leaves JMU for New York City on Wednesday morning and will return Saturday, Nov. 29.

Dear Santa Claus,



AMY GWALTNEY/The Breeze

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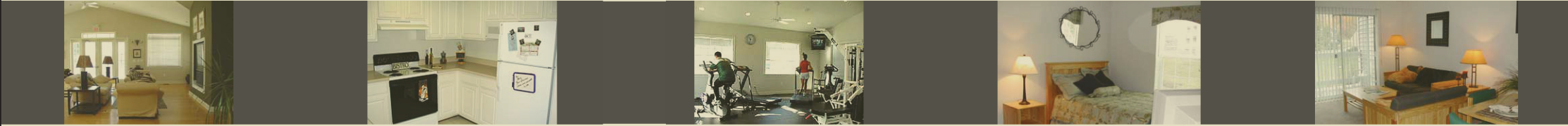
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GREEN, PURPLE & GOLD

A Green Thanksgiving

For many college students, Thanksgiving Break is a chance to take refuge from the end-of-semester stresses in a warm, familiar blanket — mom's home cooking and maybe flag football with friends.

Of course, that's not all Thanksgiving is about. There's also the "thanks" part.

For the Pilgrims newly arrived in Massachusetts, Thanksgiving was about giving thanks for surviving and beginning to prosper. They were celebrating the bounty of the earth — their environment.



ANNE DREYFUSS

Times have changed, but the reason to be thankful is still the same. Respecting the environment is a great way to show Mother Earth how much you appreciate her generosity.

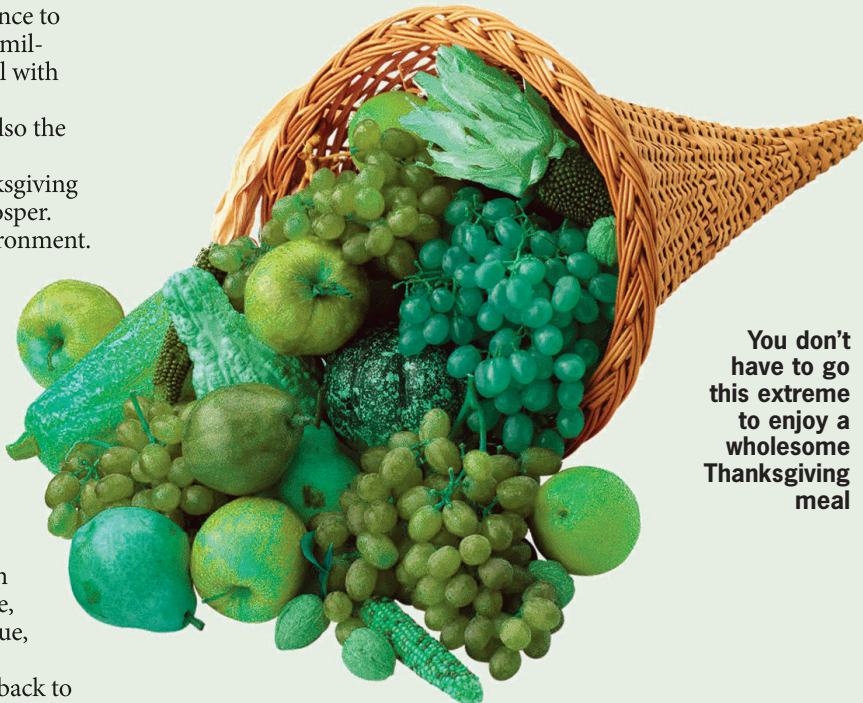
We don't bring to the table harvests of corn that Indians had taught us how to grow (thanks, Squanto). But when we shop for food, we can give thanks by buying only what we need. Over-consumption not only contributes to increased waste, it makes America increasingly obese. Thrift is a Pilgrim value, and it should be one of ours too.

Another option for reducing waste is to bring leftovers back to school and have an after-Thanksgiving potluck party with friends the week we get back from break.

We can support our local economy by getting fruits and vegetables from local farmers. (You can find farms and farmers markets near you at localharvest.org.) Not only is locally grown food usually organic, it also requires less fuel to go from the farm to our plate. This includes the turkey. Try to find a farmer or vendor around where you live that sells local, free-range turkeys. If you live in Virginia, there's no excuse to not buy local poultry — especially in Harrisonburg, the poultry capital of the East Coast. Think about that first Massachusetts Thanksgiving. I'm sure their turkeys weren't shipped in from factory farms hundreds of miles away; ours shouldn't be either.

In an effort to avoid factory farms, you could always nix the traditional turkey dinner and try tofurky. A vegetarian diet benefits the environment by reducing pollution and limiting the use of fossil fuels, water and land. But that's an issue for another column.

If you can't find what you need at a local farmers market, try to purchase USDA-certified organic fruits and vegetables. Organic farms don't use pesticides or artificial fertilizers, and are processed



You don't have to do this extreme to enjoy a wholesome Thanksgiving meal

BROOKE HOLLABAUGH/The Breeze

with fewer artificial methods such as chemical ripening and genetically modified ingredients.

Environmental awareness can be extended to the display at your Thanksgiving table. Take a walk in the woods and gather fallen branches and colorful leaves to decorate the table. Make a centerpiece from pine cones, seedpods and colorful berries (edible, so you don't accidentally sicken a toddler). Decorate the table with beeswax candles in place of petroleum-derived paraffin candles. The beeswax is not only healthier for you and the planet, it's pretty — and smells better too!

By filling your plate with organic, seasonal, responsibly grown whole food you can thank the earth with a less wasteful and more meaningful Thanksgiving dinner.

After a big Thanksgiving meal, go outside for a walk. The pilgrims didn't end the day of feasting by falling asleep on the couch watching football. Neither should we.

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GUEST COLUMN
BETH PRINCIPI, contributing writer

Lower the Drinking Age AND Lower the Binge Drinking *Remember the Amethyst Initiative?*

JESSICA DODDS/file photo

It's no secret that half the students carrying Solo Cups across Port Republic Road on Friday and Saturday nights are not of "drinking age."

It's also no secret that the United States has one of the highest drinking ages on an international scale, tied with Indonesia, Micronesia, Palau, Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

What is a secret is why there is so much resistance in changing a law that most people don't follow in the first place.

The drinking age used to be decided by the states, but in 1984, Congress passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act. This legislation mandates that any state with a drinking age lower than 21 loses 10 percent of its annual federal highway-construction funds — essentially putting the federal government in control of the drinking age.

But 134 college presidents, including presidents from Duke University, Hampden-Sydney College, Johns Hopkins University and Washington & Lee University, have signed the Amethyst Initiative. By signing, these presidents agree that a 21-year-old drinking age is not working and instead seek discussion on what can be done differently.

The Amethyst Initiative, started this year, consists of chancellors and presidents of colleges throughout the country who acknowledge there are problems of irresponsible drinking on college campuses.

It came as a surprise, then, that President Rose refused to sign the Initiative, and James Madison University was not among the colleges on the list.

Drunk buses and SafeRides can be seen all over town on weekends. Police don't bother

anyone unless they're urinating in public or holding a beer and standing on the sidewalk. Jungle juice tubs can be found on kitchen counters with kegs on either side of it. Students go about their night with little stopping them. After all, the beer is free!

If the drinking age were lowered, there wouldn't be a drastic change, with the exception of a few more crowded bars. It seems absurd that the government says 18-year-olds are mature enough to vote, sign contracts and enter the military, but not have a drink.

Now more than ever, lowering the drink-

“ *It is better for people to learn their limits in a controlled, accepting environment...* ”

ing age is imperative. After all, binge drinking is a direct result of the high drinking age.

If people were introduced to alcohol at an earlier age, binge drinking would hardly be an issue. Teenagers wouldn't have to hide alcohol consumption from parents and authorities, but would learn how to drink socially.

Instead, underaged kids are drinking vast amounts of alcohol in short periods of time. This is only leading to alcohol poisoning and thinking that binge drinking is the norm. In fact, among binge drinkers, not getting drunk is considered socially unacceptable.

In a bar atmosphere it is frowned upon

to get exceedingly drunk. Instead, people go to bars to socialize over drinks with friends. When there is someone at a bar that is painfully drunk, people tend to distance themselves from that person. Even in Europe, where minimum drinking ages are significantly lower, it is seen as bad taste to get extremely drunk.

If the drinking age was 18, people would be exposed to the bar scene at an earlier age. They would realize the important difference between socially drinking and drinking uncontrollably.

When students enter their first year of college, many of them are 18 or will be within the year. What better place and time is there to be introduced to the drinking scene than at universities where safe transportation is provided?

At the bar, younger students would see that it isn't necessarily acceptable to drink into oblivion, and that social drinking is a safer alternative.

It is better for people to learn their limits in a controlled, accepting environment, rather than when they are about to leave college and enter the real world. When the time comes to leave college, people wouldn't be interested in binge drinking and instead could begin their life with a whole different perspective.

The Amethyst Initiative is our hope. Finally people are realizing that the old way isn't working and we need change. President Rose has his reasons for refusing to sign the Initiative, but as a student body it's time we respectfully disagree.

■ BETH PRINCIPI is a sophomore media arts & design major.

DARTS & PATS

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A “who-knew-‘sleeping-together’-could-be-so-adorable?” pat to all the Airport Lounge nappers.

From a twice-weekly APL napper who thinks everyone just looks so cute when they sleep.

A “fashion-do” pat to the young ladies on campus who have umbrellas that match their fancy rainboots.

From a faculty member who wishes she were young enough to pull off that look!

An “I-would-have-been-happy-to-share” dart to the banana thief in Stone Gate.

From a junior who just wanted to make banana bread.

A “THAT’S-why-I-got-an-A?!” dart to a past professor of mine who apparently gave me great grades for the wrong reasons.

From a junior girl who now sees that she got the grade she did because she went to office hours and had boobs.

A “show-me-the-money” pat to the people that stole all of the peepholes overnight on the second floor of Wampler Hall and slipped ransom notes under the door.

From a resident who can see the comic ingenious of it, instead of worrying who did it.

A “one-is-the-loneliest-number...” pat to the single remaining origami crane left all alone out to suffer the frigid nights in the Village area tree.

From a bundled-up passerby who wonders where the rest of your brothers and sisters have flown off to.

A “better-you-than-me” pat to all the turkeys out there who will be eaten this Thanksgiving. We love what you do for us, but we are still sorry to see you go.

From all the meats: chicken, beef, pork, fish and mystery.

A “thanks-for-the-liquid-courage” pat to my two friends.

From the happy birthday girl who thinks everyone should shotgun a beer in the Memorial Hall parking lot before giving a presentation.

A “that’s-real-cool” dart to the jackass who shattered our sliding glass door with the birthday mug.

From three girls who hope your next drink is mixed with glass shards and laxatives — drink up.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

True or Not, Global Warming Discourse Offers Benefits

I would like to thank Jason Yaworske for providing scientific skepticism on the validity of global warming claims in his guest column, “Late Author Right on Global Warming” (Nov. 17). Such arguments force us to think critically about science, which is a necessary step in filtering “bad science.” Granted, I find Yaworske’s claims to be lacking, but that is not the purpose of this letter.

I would merely like to know what harm is present in believing in global warming? If global warming claims produce funding for alternative energy research, this will only quicken our departure from the Middle East and our dependency on foreign oil. Sustainable energy solutions will produce a domestic energy market, which in turn will create more jobs and revenue.

Regardless of the motive behind an energy paradigm shift, the ends will justify the means. The only cost is money, and considering Congress can produce more than \$700 billion in an attempt to soften the damages of bad loans, an investment in alternative energy sounds like a sound one.

Ethan Rosenthal

senior physics major

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OFF THE WIRE

OLIVIA GOLDHILL, Harvard Crimson

Religious Rhetoric Can Cloud Political Discourse

Politics and religion is an unholy duo indeed; the pairing, which seems to form naturally, ends up hurting both its constituent parts. Religion's positive attributes are overshadowed by its particular use as a political tool, and it seems unfair and unhelpful to enforce religious values on a diverse population in a participatory democracy.

Today, discussions in support of the separation of church and state tend to turn around this second concern. But an examination of the way in which this same marriage negatively affects religious communities might be similarly valuable.

Consider the debate over abortion. The majority of those who are anti-abortion come from a religious background, and often simply cite God and the sacred nature of all creatures in their arguments against abortion. For the secular contingent, these arguments are meaningless, and thus unpersuasive. Instead of just opposing the anti-abortion rhetoric, those who are abortion rights advocates often displace their frustration and resentment onto religion itself, and its interference in political matters. In this way, animosity toward opposing views in the political realm is transferred onto God and religion.

To apply blame so generally distorts the nature of religion in every case. After all, a large percentage of religious Americans

are not anti-abortion, do not oppose same-sex marriage and do not believe that the messiah will only come when the children of Israel inhabit their whole homeland. Despite their near-constant presence in newsprint and political media, evangelical

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...it seems unfair and unhelpful to enforce religious values on a diverse population in a participatory democracy.
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Christians constitute only 26.3 percent of religious adults in America. Yet, if Bill Maher's recent film "Religulous" and a wave of secularist polemics are any indication, extreme religious views are being used to justify the wholesale abandonment of all religion.

Given this environment, it seems unsurprising that, more and more, those polemics are succeeding. To a limited but significant extent, religion is becoming obsolete. Months ago, President-elect Obama was criticized for claiming that people from small towns, "get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them." Many understood Obama's suggestion as embracing the secularist proposition that religion is a trend of past centuries, comparable to racism in that it is something to be outgrown. This belief's increasing prevalence is reflected in the 28 percent of American adults today who have left the faith in which they were raised. And when Sarah Palin says, "I think God's will has to be done in unifying people and companies to get that gas line built, so pray for that," an age of disenchantment with religion seems understandable.

The misapplication of religious rhetoric and doctrine to political affairs creates this hostile, polar environment and even gradually alienates the religious. Religions are based on complex ideologies, far more intricate than simplistic moral absolutes that tend to rear their heads in the political sphere. Ironically, this means that, even in a climate of opposition, the secular and religious camps really ought to be able to agree on one thing: to preserve their separation.

OFF THE WIRE

NICHOLAS KELLY, The Daily Iowan

Win the Presidency, Lose the BlackBerry

Recently, news sites and the collective Internet blogosphere have begun to comment, to speculate and perhaps even to "pund" on many of subtle nuances of the upcoming presidential transition. Certainly, many of the nation's people have been glued to their media outlets, letting the tidbits of administration transmutation information seep through the news sources — trickling down and slowly taking shape like some sort of information stalactite.

No doubt even the president himself has a vested interest in divining the exact details of his entrance into the Oval Office — perhaps his stake in how his term takes shape is even bigger than ours.

After all America, there is talk they (yes, they) may take his BlackBerry away.

Certainly, there's no need to belabor the point of how many out there truly abhor the concept of de-BlackBerification. To some, the fear of a disconnected existence stems not just from the loss of contact with the world around you (which, admittedly could theoretically be counteracted by an army of secretaries, aides, assistants, hangers-on and so forth, the likes of which a, well, president would have) but also the separation of a constant companion, trusted confidant

and stalwart friend — one that is always there for you — save when you forget to charge it, drop it or lose it somewhere, thus necessitating someone to call it with her or his own stalwart friend.

In short, losing a BlackBerry, a cell phone or even a handy computer can be like losing a pet

— a puppy for instance, and one can imagine the Obama White House swiftly turned in to the Woe-bama White House were that promised puppy to be taken away.

What's interesting (and perhaps merciful) about the situation however is that there seems to be a fairly reasonable justification for the deed. Essentially, the theory goes that, because of pieces of legislation such as the Presidential Records Act, the vast majority of the president's written

communications are open to public perusal.

As such, all of the texts, e-mails and clever photos of tragic-looking people/ironic street signs/amusing animal antics that the rest us just spew on to each other's inboxes, Facebooks and blogs are now subject to public scrutiny.

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even vaguely resembling those of decipherable English in a text message. The heart of the Internet anonymous may quiver at the idea of online accountability. Indeed, one need not imagine the consequences of man's personal digital assistant no longer being his castle but rather, a stage that the whole world may observe.

Perhaps what is most disturbing about the notion of someone's (and no less a someone than a U.S. president's) digital existence being scrutinized is that it serves to undermine the seeming refuge provided by namelessness online data, second lives of zeroes and ones, the quiet confidence of an e-mail or the harlequin's mask of an Internet handle. For many, lifting the digital veil can be a disturbing notion. No doubt few would be comfortable exposing their e-mail passwords, their Internet history files or their forum posts and online accounts to the masses. Doubtless, some would even prefer that the world would poke through their real-life closets in search of skeletons rather than their electronic ones — after all, many may find it easier to send a mean-spirited e-mail than a physical letter or pen a questionable blog post obfuscated by an esoteric screen name rather than a signed letter to the editor.

And that is perhaps the greatest irony in the potential loss of the presidential BlackBerry — that the commander-in-chief of the land of liberty, the leader of the free world, has perhaps lost some of the freedom many of us take for granted — the freedom of relative anonymity on the Internet.

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Professors and students examine the functions of the art of doodling



"I wanted to draw an urban block in

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Repetitive shapes, words and images are textbook examples of mindless doodling.

Rapper's third album, 'Pomegranate,' a mix of melodies

WHO: Marching Royal Dukes
WHAT: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
WHERE: New York City; airing on NBC
WHEN: Between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Doodle, from page 9
all kinds of images on an individual's psyche. She suggests there are situations where zoning into the world of doodling impedes attention and situations when its calming effect can help students concentrate.

Rogers said that when a student absent-mindedly draws during class it's because he or she isn't really paying attention to the doodling; it's not distracting and can be calming.

JMU aesthetics psychologist John Bradshaw made a claim about doodling being

one of the “nonutilitarian human drives manifesting today as graffiti ‘ornamentation’ of an otherwise plain surface.”

Whatever the function or drive behind doodling, students like Callis have made it a regular part of their classroom routine.

He maintains his good grades, the respect of his teachers and a high participation rate in class, challenging the notion of doodling as a thorough distracter.

“I still participate... my teachers see it too and they say, ‘oh, that looks nice...

how do you participate too?" Callis said. His drawings, being far from simple, tie a calming technique and a forum for expression all within the walls of his academic life.

"[Doodling] is your own thought process and it's how you judge things," Callis said. "You can cognitively create something to whatever symbolism you want."

Callis' complicated drawings might recommend the habit to newcomers in need of doctor prescribed stress relief or self-expression.

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COMMENTARY

Home Field a Serious Matter

Nine weeks at No. 1 in the country. Champions of the Colonial Athletic Association, the nation's toughest conference. Winners after late-game heroics at No. 6 Richmond and No. 7 Villanova — in consecutive games — after scoring 35 in the second half to knock off No. 2 Appalachian State earlier in the season.

You could say JMU football players have been living somewhat of a charmed life this season. JMU is second in the CAA in scoring defense, allowing an average of just 19.9 points per game. And then there's the recent news that senior linebacker and captain D.J. Brandon is attempting a return to the field. After pro-

gressing exceptionally well in his recovery process, he participated in his first practice since the injury Tuesday. "About two weeks after I got hurt I was considering it," Brandon said. "I could walk around and move, and some people were saying I shouldn't be able to do [things] I was able to do."

Such a return would be a huge boost to a team already poised to make a bid at the national championship. But before that talk develops any further, JMU must take care of Towson. The Dukes (9-1 overall, 7-0 in the CAA) are one game away from controlling their road to the championship game of the 16-team NCAA playoffs. If Madison wins at Towson (3-8, 1-6) on Saturday, JMU will get home-field advantage until the championship in Chattanooga, Tenn. But that's not going to fulfill this squad.

"We're still a very frustrated football team, and we want to do a lot of damage," JMU coach Mickey Matthews said at his weekly press conference Monday. "But we have to win this game Saturday to put ourselves in a position to do some damage." Matthews was referring to residual effects from postseason blunders at Youngstown State and Appalachian State in 2006 and 2007, respectively. JMU exited in the first round of the NCAA playoffs in each of the last two years. The Dukes saw fourth-quarter leads evaporate in each game. Perhaps if those games had been at Bridgeforth Stadium, things would have played out differently. Just meaningless speculation, right? Whether that thought has crossed the minds of JMU players and coaches is irrelevant at this point. Towson is the focus now, and after losing by only a 34-31 margin at Villanova last Saturday, the Tigers must be taken seriously.



Scotty McGee and JMU coach Mickey Matthews talk at practice Tuesday. Madison has to beat Towson on Saturday to secure the overall No. 1 seed for the NCAA playoffs.

Reaching New Heights

Third-round appearance is first for Madison in 19 seasons of existence

By WES SHAW
The Breeze

Sometime before 3 p.m. today JMU women's soccer will board an 11-hour flight bound for Portland, Ore. It is a trip that seemed all but impossible a week and a half ago. JMU's season could have been over after its loss in the semifinal round of the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament on Nov. 7. Failing to win a conference title and an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament guaranteed nothing for the Dukes other than 29 churning stomachs on selection night. But after earning an at-large bid into the NCAAs, Madison (14-6-2) has made the most of its opportunity. 1-0 wins over Georgia and Wake Forest last weekend send JMU to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 12 years. The Dukes will face Portland on Saturday at 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. "We are absolutely over the top," junior forward Corky Julien said. "It's gonna be a sweet experience."

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CAA Player of the Year Corky Julien will lead JMU against an elite Portland squad Saturday.

Sweet 16	Elite Eight	Final Four
Portland (19-1-0)		
James Madison (14-6-2)	Winners of Sweet 16 matches will play Nov. 28, 29 or 30	To be played Dec. 5
Rutgers (13-6-2)		
Stanford (20-1-1)		

NCAA History for JMU Women's Soccer	
Year	Exit
1995	Second Round
1996	Second Round
1997	First Round
1998	Second Round*
1999	Second Round
2002	Second Round
2004	First Round
2007	Second Round
2008	???
*The NCAA increased the number of teams in the tournament from 32 to 64 before the 1998 season	

Soccer Gives Healing to Victims of Fire

By BILL PLASCHKE
Los Angeles Times

AZUSA, Calif. — Harrison Hill kicked through the smoke of uncertainty, the soot of fear, finding the back of the net with a solid right foot on a spotless white ball. He kicked the first goal, the only goal his Westmont College team would need, then he turned and ran. He ran past the teammate who, at this moment, owned only the uniform on his back. He ran past a teammate who had prepared for the game by searching Craigslist for a place to sleep. He ran off the field, under the covered bench area, and into the arms of one who lost more than any of them. In last week's Montecito fire, the home of Westmont coach Dave Wolf burned to the ground. Hill hugged his teary-eyed teacher and lifted him to the sky. "This is the first brick in your new house," he whispered. This is how the healing always begins, doesn't it? A community torn by tragedy searches for a reason to find each other. A group of athletes reaches beyond itself to become that reason. The healing, it seems, always starts with a game. On Monday afternoon, on a pristine field abutted again against clear and majestic hills, there was a game like few others. Westmont College played Azusa Pacific University for the Golden State Athletic Conference championship and a spot in the NAIA national tournament. They played even though Westmont, a private Montecito college with an enrollment of 1,347, had been shut down since last week because of the wildfire. They played even though 15 percent of the campus had been destroyed, including faculty housing for about two dozen teachers and a handful of dorms for 50 students. They played even though they were supposed to play Saturday, with no rest and no preparation, but the game was delayed by request of Azusa Pacific. That's right. Imagine that. Azusa Pacific could have won by forfeit, yet the defending national champions insisted on postponing the game until they could bring the bedraggled Westmont soccer players to their campus, house them, feed them and get them ready to play. "At the end of the day, that title can burn up and those rings can melt away," said Phil Wolf, Azusa Pacific's coach and brother of the Westmont coach. "Sports are about relationships, family, brotherhood."



Sophomore point guard Dawn Evans (center) is undaunted by the prospect of facing No. 11 Maryland's Kristi Toliver, who is considered one of the best point guards in the nation. "She's another player," Evans said.

It's Terrapin Time

Game against No. 11 Maryland provides early test for Dukes on road

By CASEY CAVANAGH
contributing writer

Last year, JMU women's basketball hosted the University of Maryland in mid-December. The then-No. 5 Terrapins squeezed by the Dukes, winning 71-65 and ending JMU's 30-game home winning streak, the best in Division I at the time. Now, the Dukes have a shot at redemption. Tonight they face No. 11 Maryland in College Park. Home-court advantage, especially in ACC stadiums, always plays a role in the game. JMU coach Kenny Brooks expects tonight to be no exception. "Any time you got to go on the road and play someone of Maryland's caliber, it's definitely a concern," Brooks said. "They draw well, but our kids have been ready to play this game since Dec. 20 of last year."

After a strong 85-61 win over Radford in the season opener Saturday, the Dukes hope to take that momentum and carry it into tonight's game. "It's motivation for us," JMU sophomore point guard Dawn Evans said. "We started off with a win and we're really motivated." Evans was recently named the CAA Player of the Week after scoring 25 points on 10-of-18 shooting against the Highlanders. Tonight, Evans will match up against Maryland point guard Kristi Toliver. The 5-foot-7 senior averaged 17.1 points and 7.4 assists per game last year and is widely considered one of the best point guards in the nation. "She's another player," Evans said. "I got to go out there and play my game. I can't be distracted by who she is and what her name is, I'm just going to go out there and play." Evans said the key to winning tonight's game is rebounding and defense. Against Radford, JMU certainly showed its talent in both. The Dukes out-rebounded the Highlanders 52-27 behind nine-board efforts

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TERPS: JMU Looks for Revenge Tonight

Terps, from page 11
from sophomore forward Jalissa Taylor and senior forward Kisha Stokes.
Maryland is 1-1 and fresh off a 73-46 win over Delaware State. The Terrapins were upset in their season opener, losing at Texas Christian University.
While JMU lost Tamera Young to the WNBA in the offseason, Maryland lost two All-Americans of its own to graduation. Brooks is confident his team can match up well with the Terrapins tonight, who

are just full seasons removed from a 2006 national championship.
“I think we’re as talented as they are,” JMU’s 10th-year coach said. “I really believe that. They probably are a little more experienced than us in key areas, but I think if we come out and play the way we’re capable of playing, anything can happen.”
“I think it’s going to be a very good basketball game, between two very good teams who are still trying to find their way.”



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PORTLAND: Dukes Head to West Coast for Sweet 16 Match

Portland, from page 11
Portland is 19-1 on the season and was ranked No. 3 in the final regular season Division I national poll.
The Pilots’ lone loss this season came against No. 2 UCLA in August. Since then, they have won a school-record 18 straight matches.
JMU has played three nationally ranked teams this season, including No. 23 Wake Forest on Sunday, but none as successful or as highly ranked as the Pilots.
“There are a handful of elite teams each year,” JMU coach Dave Lombardo said. “Portland’s name is usually in that grouping. They’re kind of soccer royalty; they’ve won national championships and they go out every year and find ways to get deep into the NCAA tournament.”
Still, the Dukes approach that challenge



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OVERALL	102-42	98-46	95-49	84-60	80-64	
JMU at Towson	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU
Texas T at Oklahoma	OU	Texas Tech	OU	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
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Jets at Titans	Titans	Jets	Titans	Jets	Titans	Titans
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Giants at Cardinals	Giants	Cardinals	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
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Eagles at Ravens	Ravens	Eagles	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
Vikings at Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Vikings	Jaguars	Vikings	Jaguars

with confidence.
“They have one loss on the season,” said Julien, the CAA Player of the Year. “But they haven’t played us yet.”
The talent Portland has on its roster will actually work to JMU’s advantage Saturday.
JMU’s 19th-year coach said that three of the Pilots’ “big-time starters” will be playing with the U.S. Women’s Under-20 National Team in Chile over the next couple of weeks.
“It should help us a little bit, and change what they do a little bit,” Lombardo said.
Sophomore goalkeeper Diane Wszalek was huge for the Dukes last weekend, even as JMU

was outshot 36-16 through its two matches.
Wszalek had a career-high 11 saves in JMU’s first-round victory over UGA. She came back two days later to shutout host Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C., and earn her sixth shutout of the season.
“Diane did some things that you hope a goalkeeper can do,” Lombardo said. “She made the routine saves and then against Georgia she came up with four or five circus saves that really changed the game.”
If the Dukes prevail over Portland they will face the winner of the Rutgers and Stanford match. Stanford is 20-1-1 this season.



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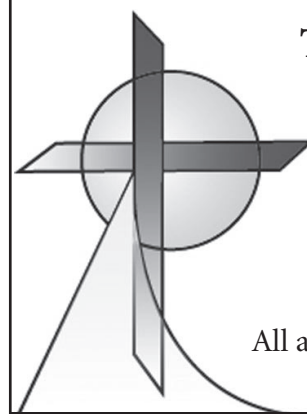
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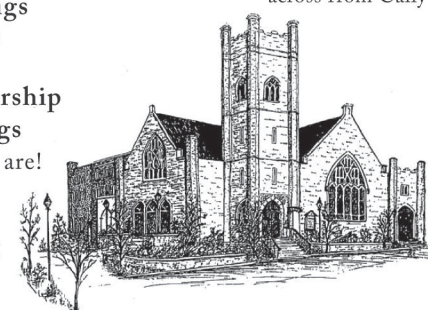
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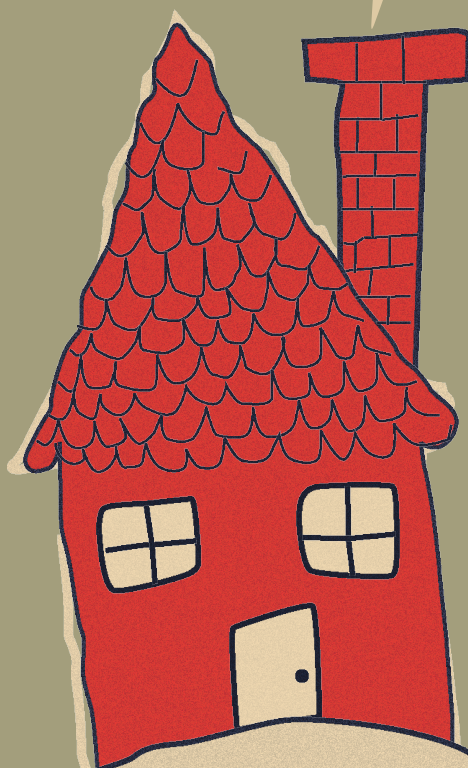
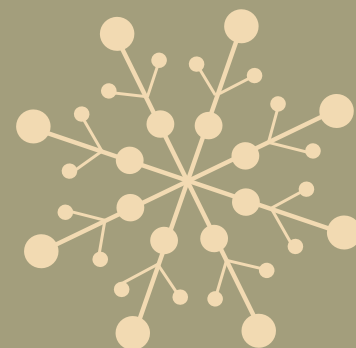
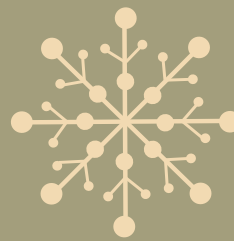
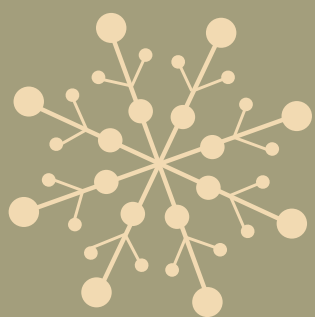
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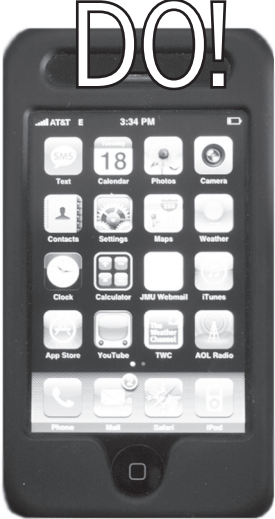
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This gift really sucks. Nothing says you love someone like telling them they need to do more household chores.

A Christmas CD

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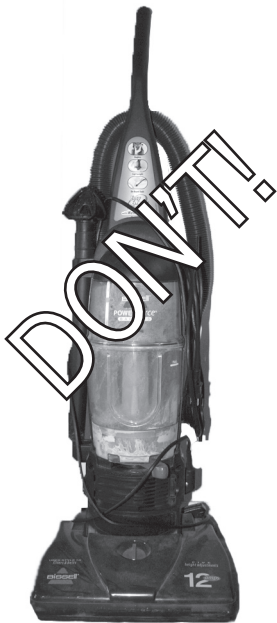
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It's fine, we're all adults here and there's nothing wrong with materialism. I'm sure when you imagine your Christmas morning, you're thinking "Hey! This is going to be a great day of spending quality time with the people that I love! Who cares about the presents?! They're just things! There is much more to life than

what is tangible!"

Don't lie to yourself; it's time to grow up and stop living in your fantasy world where material possessions can't bring happiness. Of course they do! All this talk about life being about the people you meet and the relationships you create is a lie constructed by people who don't have the money to buy an X-Box 360.

Things — not people — make me happy, and the holiday season is a great opportunity to get several things that I want for free. People get so touchy when you treat them like objects. The only good thing about people is that they have the ability to give me things or give me boosts to things I can't reach (a problem which I'm looking into, see No. 3 below).

I remember hearing some BS that went something like "giving is better than receiving." Yeah, paying for something and giving it to someone else really beats getting something

you wanted for free. I feel like such a better person now.

In light of the upcoming holidays, I'd like to provide you with a gift guide of products that I would be more than willing to accept as a symbol of the feelings that you have for me (which of course can only be expressed through material things).

1. Nothing from Abercrombie & Fitch

We're not in middle school anymore, OK? Every time I go into an Abercrombie & Fitch they're blaring techno music at 2:30 p.m. and some 15-year-old kid is trying to sell me jeans that are covered in paint and holes. I'm not a big sleeveless-tee guy either, so let's just steer clear of this place.

2. A Gun

What better way to celebrate the birth of J-to-the-esus than a firearm? I'll be 21 when Christmas arrives, and this is clearly the most American thing I could ask for besides obesity or apathy. (I would prefer if you bought this illegally, or it's really not going to be the same for me.)

3. A Stool

I'm short and I will probably keep my gun somewhere high up, so I will need the stool to reach it.

4. A Lion

I just watched the Lion King, and I believe a lion would be the most responsible pet choice. I don't have a car, so the lion will also serve as transportation. I'm also very excited about singing "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" when the lion... sleeps... at night. That was actually a really bad joke. Kind of stretch to be honest. Sorry.

5. An HD Television



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The quality of HD TV's are so good that it's almost depressing. It looks better than real life. An HD television can make even a Natty Light look like a golden sea of alcoholic deliciousness as opposed to a watered down "we can get like 90 of these for \$3" light beer.

6. Money

Money is generally used as a way to pay for things, and I could probably use the money to buy things that I want, specifically the stuff listed above. Money is the most personal gift you could give someone. It's a gift that says

"Hey, when you talk I stop listening, so here's some money to buy whatever it is that you said you wanted."

Don't let anyone make you feel like wanting things makes you a bad person. Even if it does, the New Year is approaching — you can be a better person next year. That's what Christmas is about: letting whatever the original purpose of the holiday was slip away as we commercialize the crap out of it. So for now, suck up your pride and buy me all this stuff. Merry Christmas.

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The Gift

By Joel Kleinbaum

... "A gift for me? ...I couldn't."
... "It's yours for the asking."
... "Really?"
... "All you need to do is receive and accept it."
... "But I couldn't. It isn't right. I could never reciprocate."
... "Of course, you couldn't. Nobody could ever reciprocate for a gift like this. But you're not expected to. It's part of the gift."
... "It's incredible. I couldn't. I just couldn't."
... "All that's asked in return is a thankful heart, one that is willing to serve the giver in gratitude."
... "That's all for such a gift? I'm sorry. I just couldn't."
... "If you change your mind, the offer is still good."

... "A gift? C'mon, there's no such thing."
... "But I received the same gift."
... "You're making it up."
... "I can't deny it..."
... "You're deluding yourself."
... "I received it."
... "There's no such thing as a free lunch. There must be a hitch."
... "It cost me nothing, except to serve the giver in gratitude."
... "There is no giver! No such thing, d'ya understand? And even if there were, I'd never serve him. I'd never be grateful to him, not for anything. Never!"

... "A gift? But I don't need a gift like that."
... "But you do need it. Everyone needs this gift."
... "Come on. I have everything I need, and the things I want – your gift won't help me get them."
... "Maybe you don't want the right things."
... "What are you talking about?"
... "This gift is priceless..."
... "Priceless? To me it's worthless."
... "If you think it's worthless, maybe you just don't want the things that have true value."
... "Right things, wrong things. Who are you anyways, to tell me what I should or shouldn't want? Why don't you just mind your own business and keep your nose out of other people's lives? Now beat it!"

"A gift? For me? Really?
Why, thank you!"

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It's Feeling a Lot Like a *Classic* Season

This is a top-10 list of classic movies that will help bring the holiday spirit into your household

By **ELIZABETH HILLGROVE**
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Can you smell the cinnamon and pine needles from here? There's Thanksgiving, two more weeks of academic responsibility and then one of the best times of the year: winter break. Because I live in Virginia, my traditions must steer away from white blankets and Frosty and more toward the silver screen.

To prepare for the upcoming free time, here are my top 10 holiday movie picks. If you have rules about acceptable dates to start watching these movies, this Christmas in July lover is here to tempt.

1. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: More relatable than ever, this film's 1930s setting puts a man versus himself mirror to the viewer and provokes raw emotion. "It's just very iconic... it encapsulates the idea of the holiday season," JMU student Carmen Bolding said.

2. A CHRISTMAS STORY: "My roommate has a leg lamp... it's pretty epic," junior Sara Aultman shared about the movie. It is a household tradition to watch this flick every holiday season, particularly to Generation Y kids. The catch phrase-saturated film steps into the eager bunny ears of a young boy and gives the perspective that so many of us recognize. I'm convinced watching this movie preserves the link between childhood and today's responsibilities, at least when it usually airs all day long on Christmas Eve.

3. WHITE CHRISTMAS: Bargain shop for quality with this movie: learn to dance, practice your singing, sip on some Christmas eggnog and admire two of the most iconic talents. Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney act in this classic and return many to a familiar time.

4. ELF: The title alone provokes chuckles as visions of sugar-hooked Will Ferrell dances in one's head. Bells and pointed-toe shoes don the feet of one of America's most famous funny men. The movie manages to be "very funny and very warm-hearted... it's a classic," freshman Kane Yoder points out.

5. LOVE ACTUALLY: The British did it again. They made a very respectable romantic comedy adapt to a holiday theme, while also spinning a touch of the "six degrees" game through this relatable modern holiday tale. I can recommend from only my own point of view, but I happen to know several guys who love this movie, as well, making it one of this century's break-out holiday films.

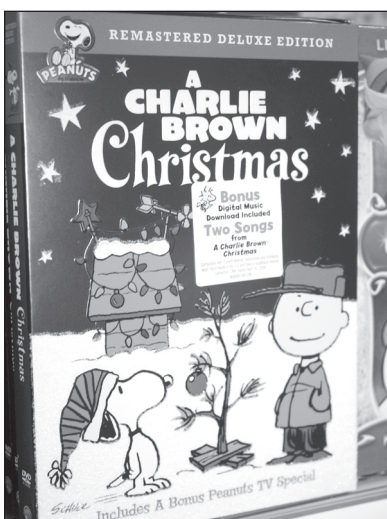
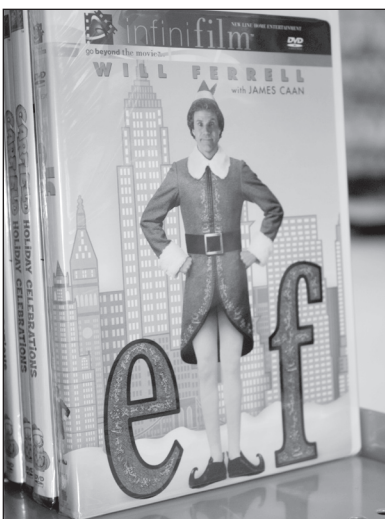
6. THE SANTA CLAUS: Tim "the bowl-full-of-jelly-man" Claus marks the beginning of movie-watching for many at JMU. At that age, we could begin to understand the jokes (I'm sure there are hidden off-color ones that I look forward to discovering next time). It's Tim Allen's physical comedy at its best. A popular scene includes "when he...goes through that phase when he keeps trying to take off his beard and it keeps growing back and growing back," junior Theadonia Morris said.

7. MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET: This presents one of a few cases where the remake may be mentioned with the original without shame. Both conjure lessons of winter's holidays, wrapping in a tragedy of childhood non-imagination. However, they do so independently, but for each generation of movie watchers.

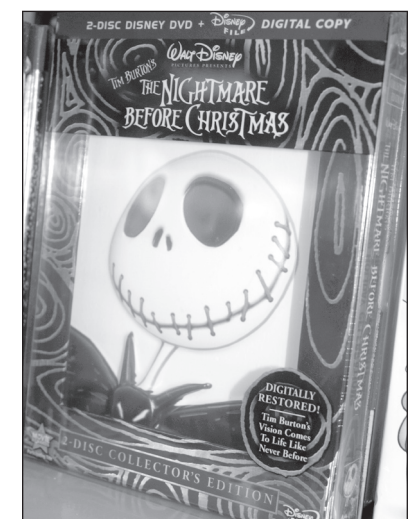
8. RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: In its original, shaky claymation, this early version of Pixar-like imagination sprawl must be appreciated for the time put into it. The message of the oddball speaks to us all, in this case in an awkward reindeer voice, reminding us that perhaps being a misfit is not as uncomfortable as we like to think. No man is an island, but maybe we are all on one with other misfit toys.

9. CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS: Often a catalyst for screeches when I mentioned the title, this film illustrates many a holiday heart. "It's the greatest story ever, all told through Peanuts," freshman Casey Cavanagh said. The beloved child-sized adults will never grow old to the majority of us and that's the way we prefer it.

10. A NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS: Unconventionally pertinent, this modern classic warrants its popularity. The Halloween-meets-Christmas oddity apparently appeals to viewers who grew up watching it. "'Nightmare' is a different take on the [traditional] view of Christmas, which is really nice in contrast," Bolding said. Claymation wins again as unusual marries old school in the beloved misfit of misfits.



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